

NOGALES WANTS TO JOIN LEAGUE;
DOUGLAS IS SLOW ABOUT MONEY

Jack Hepburn, at Nogales, Is Keeping the Wires Busy In Effort to Secure Franchise For His Town, But Douglas Is Considered the Best Town Because Of Its Location and Greater Population.

BY "BECK"

NO word has been received from John J. McCloskey since he went to Douglas on Monday night. His announced intention was to form a stock company in that city and immediately get busy with the arrangements to have Douglas in the Rio Grande association. The fans there have shown considerable enthusiasm over the league proposal but have been rather backward in getting up their checks for stock subscriptions.

In the meantime, Jack Hepburn has kept the wires and mails busy with telegrams and letters about the fact that he is not going to get in. They would hardly let Billy Quigley leave there when he recently visited that town. A couple of the fans acted as if they were anxious that he stay there.

Douglas, however, is the better town of the two, both from the point of view of population and as to location with regard to the rest of the circuit. Several Douglas men have put up substantial checks for subscriptions but they have not yet reached the grand total that Douglas has already collected.

Practice will be held every afternoon this week by the El Paso team at Washington park.

Umpire Stirling, who is coming from California and has an excellent record, is due here tonight.

The scheduled meeting of the Rio Grande association has been called for next Sunday morning at the Hotel Sheldon in this city.

James McAvoy, who will hold down short or second for Las Cruces, was with Salt Lake City last season. He started in with the Blues, left, then made good. When the Salt Lake club went into the Coast league, Blankenship had too many infielders, as he secured a good bunch of players from the old Sacramento club. McAvoy was a corner, but Blank couldn't hang on to him as he was carrying too many players, so Jimmy drew a release. Jim Byrnes, a red hot baseball fan of San

Francisco and member of the California legislature, is a strong admirer of McAvoy and he strongly recommended the player to Hurley. On the strength of his record and Byrnes's boost, Hurley decided to give the youngster a chance.

Another youngster who will get a trial with Las Cruces is Alfred Lee, who hails from Fort Worth. He is 21 years of age and is said to have some class. If he can deliver the goods he will be a regular.

The early arrivals for the Mackmen were out for their first practice at Washington park on Tuesday afternoon and showed considerable ginger.

You should have a look at the club which Jake Weaver calls a bat. He hunted around the local sporting goods houses all of Tuesday morning until he found a fence rail that suited him. Jake says he is going to bust some home run records this season.

Johnny Hayes is wondering what sort of a sunfield there will be in the new park. He is afraid that the sun is going to be pretty bright for the man in center garden and is figuring on Ty Cobb's stunt of sun glasses for the very bright days.

The Las Cruces diamond is already in pretty good shape and it won't take long to fix it up. Hurley will have the diamond ready and his team in good shape for the game with A. & M. college at Las Cruces on Friday.

Manager McCloskey has left it to the writer and Frank Caplinger to line up an army team for a game at the new park on Sunday afternoon. Applications are in order.

No less than the makers of balls have submitted propositions to the league this season. There seems to be some real competition.

Fairly good progress was made on the grandstand at the new park on Tuesday, but the contractors are not overextending themselves now that McCloskey is out of town. The contract, however, calls for the park to be finished Saturday noon.

In Boyland:

School Sports, Juvenile Sports, Boys' Amateur Sports, and News and Gossip of the "Future Greats."

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MORE complaints are coming in that managers are making ungenerous arrangements for their teams and then not fulfilling their agreements. This is hardly fair and the players as well as managers should be on hand when a game is scheduled. It isn't sportsmanlike to make a date for a game, have the other team on the field and then not show up.

The games scheduled for Wednesday in the Grammar school league were postponed on Tuesday by J. H. Stine, supervisor of recreation, so as not to interfere with the annual picnic of the high school at Washington park.

The Socorro Juniors have organized with the following lineup: Bartlett, cf; McBride, 2b; Hammill, p; Gallegos, ss; Eaton, cf; McCutcheon, cf; Stephenson, 3b; Hilton, 1b; Smith, 1b.

The Dunlap Greens have organized with Tommy Nelson as manager. They would like games with any teams whose players average 16 years. They want a game for next Sunday and will tackle

any team near their age. They will use the following players: D. Rodriguez, c; Salazar, p; M. Concha, 1b; F. Nelson, 2b; F. Garcia, 3b; S. Palma, ss; R. Martinez, rf; Gonzalez, cf; Almaraz, lf. Their substitutes will be G. Terano and M. Barra.

The Magdalena Juniors are using the following players: Padilla, lf; McClure, 2b; Leish, p; Carter, ss; E. McClure, cf; Hamilton, c; Burlingame, 2b; Manse, 1b; Hopkins, rf.

Starting Saturday all the class A games of the Grammar School league will be played at the new athletic stadium of the high school, where a fine diamond has been laid out.

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Many Say Wells Ought to Be at the Front Fighting For His Country.

London, Eng., April 21.—The Wells-Moran fight at the London Opera house, in which Bombardier Wells, the English champion, added yet another to the dramatic defeats of his career, has started a storm of questioning as to why an able bodied man with the military title of "Bombardier" should be taking part in boxing matches instead of being with the British army at the front.

"We do not wish to criticize Wells," remarks the Daily Chronicle, "except to say that, first, his famous opponent, Carpenter, is now serving with the colors in France, and second, it seems to us improper that he should retain a military title in the prize ring when his public performance proves that he is in a fit state to go into the field."

Wells' reply came back by return mail. It was as follows: "My duty is clear. I must stay where I am, and I think my reasons are good. Could I see my way clear to go to the front I would be the lightest hearted man in England. I have been in the army, serving several years in India, and I cannot claim to have attained proficiency. During the war I have boxed several times on behalf of war funds, thereby doing the little bit that lay within my power."

"Two of my brothers are at the front, and a third was the first man killed in his regiment. I alone remain at home to support my wife and children and the other members of the family dependent upon me. If I had no ties, I should be off to the front without delay."

Agitation Against Boxing. In this connection, several of the newspapers have renewed the agitation that professional boxing be suppressed until the end of the war. "The only prize fight worth entering at present," writes one editor, "is the gigantic struggle in France."

Lady Randolph Churchill, on learning that a considerable number of women were present at the Wells-Moran fight, wrote the following statement for the newspapers: "I should hope that women should have something better to do than to watch sham fighting at this moment."

"There is plenty of opinion, however, in favor of continuing the boxing matches. Eugene Corri, the referee, writes: 'Boxing is a stimulus to the fighting spirit; nothing is better calculated to maintain the spirit of British pluck, both in and out of the recruiting line, rather encourages it.'"

"MAVERICKS" SUGGESTED FOR EL PASO TEAM'S NAME. A few more names have been suggested for the El Paso baseball team. Among the late arrivals are:

"I submit for your consideration the nickname 'Mavericks' for the El Paso ball team. As you know, the bluebonnet is the Texas state flower."

"Mrs. C. E. Boebert, '222 Montana street.'"

"As I hope our club will be king of them all, I respectfully submit 'Lions.'"

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BOWLING

A special two man team bowling match took place at the Wigwam alleys Tuesday night. Babcock and Fritz beat Sherman and Campbell. The scores:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Totals
Sherman	162	186	187	224	159	917
Campbell	145	168	172	197	158	841

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Babcock	136	192	145	185	123	306	741
Fritz	208	190	214	214	183	1099	1099

Totals: 494 372 343 399 344 1995. McLean and Davis have challenged the winners and will roll them five games on the Wigwam alleys on Thursday night.

PRIZES ARE OFFERED FOR COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

The next meeting of the Commercial Amateur Baseball league executive committee will be held at the office of president William Fairplay on Friday evening. A loving cup has been offered for the best batting average in the league for the season.

The league has also offered a reward of \$100 for the best pitcher in the league for the season.

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FOSTER WINS 99 MILE OKLAHOMA AUTO RACE

Oklahoma City, Okla., April 21.—Clarence Foster won the 99 mile Oklahoma championship automobile race here this afternoon for a purse of \$1000. Time, two hours, two minutes, thirteen and one-half seconds. Thomas was second and Schaffner and Chandler tied for third place.

ALL FEDERAL CLUBS ARE STRONG;
CIRCUIT IS EVENLY BALANCED

All Eight Clubs Have a Good Chance For the Pennant, on the Present Showing; Every Team Has Strong Battery and Shows Well in Hitting; St. Louis Looks Slightly the Weakest.

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

THE Federal league promises to furnish fandom with the real major league brand of baseball and a real battle for the pennant. There are eight clubs in the junior league and eight clubs look to have a chance for the big honors. There never was a league in which the whole circuit seemed as evenly balanced as in the Federal league this year.

The Pittsburgh club seems one of the best looking outfits that ever was gathered together. It is a team that seems to be strong in every department and with a secondary outfit almost as powerful as the first.

Then there's those Indianapolis Reds who rank as the greatest slugging outfit in baseball history. The team had nine or ten .300 hitters last year and the team as a whole averaged close to .300 in clubbing. It seems just as strong—even stronger—this year than last and the team that beats In-

dianapolis probably will be the team that gets the pennant.

Whales Have the Pitchers. Joe Tinker's Chicago Whales certainly will be in the fight. Joe has the greatest collection of pitchers in the Federal league. He has a fine lot of catchers, a wonderful outfield and an amazingly fast infield.

Those Baltimore fellows who put up such a game fight in 1914 threaten to repeat in 1915. The pitching staff has been strengthened greatly by the addition of "Chief" Bender, the old Athletic star. "Snipe" Conley, a Cub last year, is to make his debut as a regular this year and it's a cinch that the kid wonder will win two-thirds of his games at least.

Another club to watch is Larry Schaffner's Buffalo aggregation. It is speedy, it has pitchers that are real pitchers, a fast infield with the "Peelers" Hal Chase as its particular star, and a fine outfield. Also it has catchers that can hit, throw and catch with the best men in the business.

Stonewall Will Improve. On paper, the St. Louis team doesn't look overly powerful. But it has a manager who has the ability to win pennants no matter what sort of material he has to operate with. Fielder Jones won a pennant back in 1906 with the White Sox team that never looked as good as the Stouffs do today. As the season advances those Stouffs undoubtedly will improve and furnish trouble all the way.

The Brookfords have a boy manager in Lee Magee. It is a team of veterans. But its veterans still are great ball-players. The team as a whole hit like a bunch of fiends during the training camp season. If it hits with only one-third of its spring power and if its pitchers show up in the expected way it is certain that the Brookfords will be considerably among those present.

Every Club Has a Chance. The team that George Stovall will pilot this year under the Newark colors is another one that looks like a real ball club. It has everything a ball club needs—speed, good pitchers, batters, a fine infield, a steady, hard hitting outfield and a bunch of youths with brains. Stovall's club didn't do so well last year when it represented Kansas City, but the team has been strengthened since the 1914 season closed.

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"THESE men look more like young professional men than professional baseball players," said a Las Cruces business man when he gave some of Hurley's players the once over. They don't "look like professional men." They are professional men. Baseball is now as much a profession as law or the medicine and players in organized baseball are under more strict discipline than students of the other professions. The writer is personally acquainted with more than half the men already signed by this league and feels perfectly safe in sticking up for them.

WITH the hot weather approaching, it will seem more natural when we can swelter on the bleachers and watch 'em live 'em out. Oh you lucky seventh!

"SCORER" wants to know whether to score a time at bat when a player lifts out a long fly on which a runner scores from third or advances a base after it has been caught. It counts as a sacrifice fly and the batter is not charged with a time at bat.

WISCONSIN towns of under 10,000 population may be excepted from the workings of the new boxing law in that state. The small towns charge that when an important bout is staged, the little towns are simply deluged with thousands of visitors from the large cities, necessitating a larger police force than they care to maintain.

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